

OPERATOR BLAMED FOR FATAL WRECK

Conductor and Brakeman Killed and Bodies Burned to a Crisp.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Roanoke, Va., December 22.—Two men were killed and their bodies burned to a crisp in a rear-end collision between two Norfolk and Western freight trains, near Arthur's, forty miles west of Roanoke, early today. The dead are Conductor J. A. Snyder, married, of Roanoke, and Brakeman H. H. Rowles, married, of Roanoke. Telegraph Operator W. H. Akers, at Arthur's, is blamed for the accident. An investigation made by the railroad shows that Akers failed to throw a switch.

The trains were running east. Snyder and Rowles were in the cab of the first train and were caught by the locomotive of the second train. Immediately following the collision, the engine and the cab were consumed, the bodies of the two men being reduced to a charred mass.

Snyder and Rowles were next-door neighbors and fast friends. Rowles had been married but four weeks. His young widow is prostrated.

Recently Wed Bristol Girl.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Bristol, Va., December 22.—Brakeman Hugh H. Rowles, of the Norfolk and Western, who was killed in a collision at Arthur's this morning, recently married Miss Mary Reader, of Bristol. He was related to wealthy families here, and the two had just begun housekeeping in Roanoke.

DOUBLE WRECK OCCURS.

Several Cars Derailed and Traffic Delayed, but No One Injured.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Lynchburg, Va., December 22.—A double wreck occurred here late today in the Southern Railway yard, when southbound train No. 25 ran into two derailed Pullman coaches, which were en route from a wreck in the South to the shops for repair. No one was injured, but there was considerable property loss. Four Pullmans were being carried North by a freight, and in crossing a frog one of these was derailed, throwing another off the track. The train was pulled away from the derailed coaches, when the Atlanta train dropped into the yard, intending to stop at a crossover to await the movement of a freight train; but the air refused to work, and the limited crashed into the derailed Pullmans, derailing the engine. The passengers on the crowded train were given a shakeup by the impact, and four or five passenger trains were delayed.

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L. and N. Freight Train Wrecked.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Bristol, Va., December 22.—Overleaping a heap of stone that had fallen from the top of Bee Rock tunnel, near Appalachia, a Louisville and Nashville freight train this morning ran half way through the tunnel off the rails. The engine was turned over and is a heap of wreckage. The engineer miraculously escaped, while the fireman and an extra engineer were painfully injured.

N. and W. Brakeman Killed.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Roanoke, Va., December 22.—Robert Anderson, a Norfolk and Western brakeman, was caught between cars at Meadow View today and killed.

Injured in Runaway Accident.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Harrisonburg, Va., December 22.—In a runaway accident yesterday on General John E. Rollins' farm, in North Rockingham, Ed. Huff, son of J. W. Huff, was thrown under a wagon, both wheels passing over his body, breaking his arm, dislocating his shoulder and frightfully cutting and bruising his chest and face. He will recover.

Weekly Cotton Statistics.

Liverpool, December 22.—The following are the weekly cotton statistics:

Imports, all kinds, 223,000 bales; exports, American, 191,000; stock, all kinds, \$2,000; stock, American, 771,000; American forward, 61,000; total exports, 11,100.

JURY EXONERATES DEPUTY SYDNOR

Verdict Declares That He Shot Negro While in Discharge of His Duty.

After hearing a number of witnesses, the coroner's jury yesterday morning came to the conclusion that Deputy Sheriff W. W. Sydnor, of Henrico county, killed Otis Taylor, colored, in the discharge of his duty. The shooting took place late Tuesday afternoon, and the negro died at the City Home at 6:30 the following morning. Mr. Sydnor will be arraigned for a preliminary hearing before Magistrate T. J. Puryear today at noon.

James Joseph Jones, the negro arrested along with Taylor and held as a Commonwealth witness, practically exonerated the officer. He told of the fight in detail, saying that Sydnor would surely have been killed had he not been first to shoot. The gun, he said, was in Taylor's hand and about to be raised despite Sydnor's warning not to shoot. He testified also that Taylor constantly attempted to use the weapon and did not drop it until after the last shot had been fired.

Gave Clear Statement.

Though told by Dr. Taylor that, being the accused, he need not testify, Mr. Sydnor related the case as it happened, and in almost every detail it tallied with the statement made by Jones. He shot the negro first in the pistol arm, he said, in order to disable him, and thought that that would be all necessary. But as he advanced to place him under arrest, the wounded arm was raised with the left hand and the pistol brought almost to the shooting position. It was then that he fired in an attempt to disable the left arm, but the bullet went into the negro's lung and threw his left hand behind him as though to draw another pistol. Then the fatal shot was fired.

C. B. Richardson, the Providence Forge merchant, appeared in court and identified several pairs of shoes which had been taken from Taylor. He had previously been to the City Home, where he also identified the shirt that Taylor wore when he was shot.

Among other things, the negro Jones swore that whenever any one wished a pair of shoes from Taylor, he would sit down and sell a new pair from his feet. Then in some mysterious way he would get another, and continue his canvass. Jones said that he never met the man before, and he probably will be released from jail after he testifies today.

Child Fatally Burned.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Norfolk, Va., December 22.—Playing in front of an open grate in her home, little Viola Bridges, the three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Bridges, was seriously burned yesterday afternoon and died today. The family resides in Huntersville. The body was sent to Carrsville, Va., for interment.



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Solid Gold Signet Pins, for \$1.
Gold Hat Pins, (signet), \$1.50 to \$3.50.
The best American Clock made—"The Seth Thomas"—we have from \$5 to \$50.
See the Solid Silver Teaspoons, a regular \$6 value for \$5 set.
Have you seen the new Shaving Mugs and Stands, very handsome, from \$3.50 to \$15.
Cigarette Boxes, something new, leather lined, \$5 and \$6.
The handiest and heaviest Solid Silver Tea Set, a regular \$175 value, for \$150.

News of South Richmond

South Richmond Bureau.
The Times-Dispatch.
1103 Hull Street.

With the opening of the new Victoria Theatre Wednesday night, and the initial performance in the Pastime Theatre to-night, South Richmond sees a gigantic stride in the dramatic enterprises of the city. These two structures are practically the only theatres in the Southside, and are but another indication of the spirit of consolidation that was awakened by the consolidation of the twin cities.

The Victoria, situated in the heart of the business district, at 1315 Hull Street, is a building that may be favorably compared to any of the vaudeville theatres on the north bank of the river. The structure is formed of substantial brick walls, calculated to seat a large audience, and provided with numerous exits in case of fire. The occasion of the premier performance Wednesday night was celebrated by the free distribution of admission tickets, and a large crowd took advantage of the opportunity to see the theatre. Just now no vaudeville bill has been booked by the management, and moving pictures and illustrated songs are the only sources of amusement. A high-class vaudeville will appear each week, as soon as the proper arrangements can be made by the manager, Mr. Kendler.

The Pastime, which is to be opened to-night, is a smaller and less pretentious structure than the Victoria, and will have a bill of moving pictures and illustrated songs each week. No vaudeville is to be given in this theatre, and the admission fee is accordingly less.

The management and owners of both enterprises are South Richmond people, and the chances are given such a meeting with a great success in this hitherto unexploited field.

Wants Definite Agreement.
Assistant City Collector J. P. Robinson, when interviewed yesterday, did not have much to say about his application to the Finance Committee of the City Council for a settlement in regard to his salary. He did state emphatically, however, that he had no complaint whatsoever to make against the treatment that he had received at the hands of Collector Cunningham and Delinquent Tax Collector W. L. Waller, and was entirely satisfied with their actions.

His real purpose, he stated, was to get the Finance Committee to come to some definite agreement as to what salary he is to receive as tax collector for Washington Ward, at present there is no stated salary for the office. The matter has been put in the hands of a subcommittee of the Finance Committee.

Death of Peter Donald.
Peter Donald, of Forest Hill, died yesterday morning about 9 o'clock after a long illness. The funeral will be conducted from the Sacred Heart Church, Washington Ward, Saturday morning, at an hour that is to be announced later.

Mr. Donald, who had been for many years a merchant of the Southside, went West not long ago in search of health, and only returned home within the last ten days.

He leaves, besides his widow, his father, Peter Donald, and four brothers—George, A. F., James and Grover—and five sisters—Mrs. A. B. Morrisette, Mrs. John Shotwell, Mrs. William Holzappel, Mrs. V. Z. Caracristi and Mrs. Russell Roberts. He was a member of the Stonewall Jackson Aerio of Eagles, No. 1232.

Special Christmas Services.
In accordance with the immemorial custom, the churches of South Richmond will have special services on Sunday, Christmas falling on Sunday this year naturally makes the services of more than usual interest. Special Christmas music will be rendered in nearly all the churches, and in several there will be special addresses.

The program for the Asbury Methodist Sunday morning service follows: "When Christ Was Born," by Danks; "Gloria," by Beirly; "Holy Babe of Bethlehem," by Danks. Evening service—"Joy to the World, the Lord Is Come," and "Peace, Good Will to Men," Leslie.

Choir: Sopranos—Misses Mollie Ferguson, Nellie Smith, Rebecca Gartin; Alma Cournow, Inez Avery, Mrs. W. G. Burch and Mrs. W. J. Williams; altos—Mrs. J. S. Renner and Misses Ruth Williams and Mattie Renner; tenors—R. P. Taylor and W. E. Cheatham; basses—W. K. Renner; organist—Miss Bettie Perdue; musical director, J. B. Renner. Rev. Asbury Christian will preach at

afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Porter Street Presbyterian Church, Rev. J. J. Fife officiating. The interment will be in Maury Cemetery.

Funeral of Mrs. Clary.
The funeral of Mrs. Sallie A. Clary, who died Wednesday night at 116 West Clay Street, will be conducted this morning at 10 o'clock.

In Hustings Court.
Judge Wells, of the Hustings Court, part 2, was engaged yesterday in the consideration of several cases in chancery.

The docket that has been prepared by Clerk DuVal is not a large or important one for this term. The condemnation proceedings in the case of Mrs. Lumpkins will be heard by the court on December 29.

The commissioners who condemned the property, allowed Mrs. Lumpkins \$3,500 remuneration, and this sum has been agreed to by the city. The land that was condemned is destined to be a part of the new park, Washington Park, that is to be built in the court-house square. The work is expected to be completed in the spring, after the new budget has been passed by the Council.

Did Not Press Case.
Ed Johnson, a negro addicted to the use of stimulating spirits, made himself obnoxious about the round-house of the Southern Railway yesterday morning, and was cornered by Officer W. A. Moore and escorted to the sacred precincts of the station house. Once there, however, he was released, as Mr. Strader, foreman of the round-house, would not appear to issue a warrant against him. Johnson, who is a fireman on the road, is said to have threatened to shoot the foreman.

Personal and General.
Mr. A. L. Pulliam is visiting at the home of his brother, David L. Pulliam, of South Richmond.

Ed. L. Cottrell, of New York, is spending the holidays with his father, W. E. Reynolds, in South Richmond.

Bernice Stone and J. P. Loving have left for the former's home in Thomasville, N. C. Mr. Loving expects to return about December 28.

The Manchester Lodge, No. 843, B. P. O. Elks, met last night at the Elks' home, Eleventh and Bainbridge Streets.

The board of directors of the Manchester Building and Trust Company met last night at 8 o'clock.

The Council Committee on Water failed of a quorum yesterday afternoon after waiting half an hour for members. Superintendent Davis reported that there were a number of proposals in the bid box for cleaning out both basins of the New Reservoir, and another effort will be made to hold a meeting of the committee this afternoon at 5 o'clock. As the men of the department are anxious to have their pay before the holidays, every effort will be made to get a quorum. The last meeting of the Council authorized the transfer of \$4,000 for water works of the basins. The amount will probably be insufficient, experience in the past having shown that the cost would be greater than that amount, owing to the difficulties attending the work.

The east basin of the New Reservoir has been empty of water since the finding of the body of Mrs. Brown some weeks ago. Recently Assistant Superintendent William Lawton, Jr., who has charge of out-door construction work for the Water Department, got down in the mud on the bottom of the east basin, notwithstanding the skin of ice over the mud, and surveyed it, his report showing that since last cleaned there had accumulated a total of 6,693 cubic yards of mud and sand, all of which will have to be removed and the bids invited will be on the basis of so much per cubic yard for 6,693 cubic yards, more or less.

The east basin is approximately 322 feet square, and the west basin is of about the same size. The contract will be for both, although only one can be cleaned at a time. It is decided to line the bottom and sides of the basins with cement, as has been proposed, it is probable that the work

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Cut Glass Tumblers, 25c and up.

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